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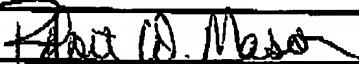
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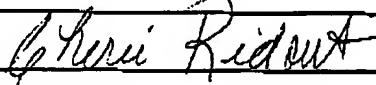
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For FY 2006** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES	
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity
50
200
360

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)	Small Entity
50	25
200	100
360	180

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
22	2	50	100.00

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Multiple Dependent Claims
Fee (\$)

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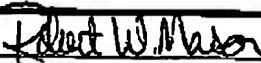
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Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Request for Continued Examination; Petition for Extension of Time	1,810.00

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